



What's one safety practice your crew uses every day that has made the biggest difference on your jobsites?



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One safety practice that has made a big difference on our projects is the use of a structured critical lift plan for fender installation.

Installing marine fender systems often involves lifting large, heavy components under constrained site conditions—frequently over water, with limited access, tidal variations, and environmental forces such as wind and currents. These are safety-critical operations that require careful planning and execution within limited time windows.

To manage this, each lift is planned in detail in advance, taking into account crane configuration, load radius, ground conditions, environmental limits, and the position of the center of gravity. This planning is verified on site through pre-lift checks, equipment inspections, and coordination among all involved personnel before execution.

This disciplined approach helps ensure that lifting operations are carried out safely, reducing risk and improving reliability during installation.



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One safety practice that has made the biggest difference on our jobsites is our relentless focus on daily hazard identification. It's not a single

step; it's a continuous rhythm that guides how we work.

Every shift starts with a toolbox meeting where crews actively discuss job-specific risks, from high-pressure systems to chemical and nitrogen-related hazards. We reinforce this with "silent walks," where team members observe the jobsite without distraction, identifying unmitigated risks that might otherwise go unnoticed.

Our project work plans add structure, with detailed daily checklists aligned to the services we perform, including systems flushing, chemical cleaning, hydroblasting, pipeline remediation, pressure testing, joint integrity work, umbilical laydown and displacement, and nitrogen services. Each scope carries unique risks, and our planning reflects that.

The backbone of this process is our Job Safety and Environmental Analysis (JSEA) program. JSEA forms guide crews through energy source hazard identification and

include QR codes that provide instant access to procedures, inspections, and reporting tools, making hazard recognition more effective in the field.

We further strengthen our approach through our Behavior Based Safety Observation program, which allows employees to submit daily safety observations, and our Lessons Learned database, ensuring real-world insights are continuously integrated into training for new and existing employees.

This layered approach keeps safety active, not passive, creating a culture where hazards are addressed before they become incidents. That commitment is proven, with our teams maintaining a ZERO TRIR since 2021.

At BlueFin, our safety culture is paramount, and we take safety seriously.

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